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Next Generation Charter Schools

Minutes

Expansion Committee Meeting

Date and Time
Friday May 2, 2025 at 2:00 PM

Location
Meeting host: melissa.alston@nngcs.org

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Mission

At Nuasin Next Generation, we believe in the unlimited talent and intellectual potential of our scholars and our community. We cultivate this talent and intellectual potential through a progressive education that focuses on deep exploration, thoughtful questioning, relentless curiosity and critical thinking. Nuasin Next Generation Charter School implements a progressive K-12 educational program and an unyielding commitment to cultivating our scholars' innate intellectual talents to empower our graduates to achieve excellence in their postsecondary paths and make positive impacts on the broader community. Every single one of our scholars have the potential to be great and change the world, at Nuasin Next Generation we prepare our scholars for that opportunity.**3 Pillars**

The Mission of Nuasin Next Generation stands firmly on the foundation of our three pillars: Rigor, Self-Advocacy, and Community. These three pillars are the guiding principles for our school and culture. Please find a deeper explanation of our pillars below.

Rigor:
We use the word "rigor" not in the stringent or inflexible sense, but in the sense of an unyielding need to challenge and push our scholars because we understand and believe in the potential, talent, and ability of our scholars and community. We challenge our scholars to build their confidence and help them realize what they can achieve.

Self-Advocacy:
Our scholars are empowered to advocate for themselves, their families, and their communities. As our scholars come to understand that their voices are valued and needed, they learn to

advocate for themselves. Our scholars are seen and valued; they understand that not only do they have the right to express their opinions, views, and perspectives, but it is their obligation to do so.

Community:
Our scholars will embrace community and understand that as a member of a community you have certain
inalienable rights, the right to be seen, the right to be heard, the right to be protected and the right to be loved and
cherished. Our students will also learn of their obligations. As a member of a community you have the obligation to
respect, listen, support and only want and assume the best in all others. Every member of our community must understand that they are active participants in the Nuasin community and the community goes as we go.

Trustees Present
A. Bothner (remote), K. Shabazz (remote)

Trustees Absent
J. Scott, S. Pressley

Guests Present
M. Alston (remote), M. Russell (remote), R. Johnson (remote)

I. Opening Items

A. Record Attendance

B. Call the Meeting to Order

A. Bothner called a meeting to order on Friday May 2, 2025 at 2:07 PM.

C. Executive Session

Updates from MR – April 2025
1000 University Place Expansion

- A $300,000 construction deposit has been made.
- The new facility is located down the block from the main building on University Place.
- Total space: 60,000 square feet.
- Either Cliff or MR will present the update at the upcoming board meeting.
- A financial analysis of the expansion will be conducted.

District 12 – New Charter School

- MR has met with the Apex Developer regarding a new school in District 12.
- MR will begin working on the lease agreement.
- AB may have a potential architecture contact to support the project and will share details with the team.

Little Water Update

- A vote of acknowledgment for continued partnership in the 2025–26 school year will take place (MOU to be drafted).
- Discussion on staffing needs and structure for the upcoming year.
- Long-term partnership agreement under consideration.
- Process to begin with intent to formalize collaboration with Little Water.
- KS inquired if this would be considered a merger.

Grants & Fundraising

- Grant decisions are expected to be announced this month.
- An external fundraising consultant has been identified through a webinar attended by MA.
- The consultant is affiliated with the **New York State Association** and has strong experience in securing grants.
- Annual fee: $2,000.
- Services include grant matching, quarterly updates, and access to a “black box” database of available grants.
- Organization will provide dedicated support to Nuasin.

D. Mid-year check-in

II. Closing Items

A. Adjourn Meeting

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 2:27 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
A. Bothner